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## Newsletter

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### Thanks

- .. To those Famine children already out and gathering sponsors.
- .. Our headlice checkers
- .. To those parents who accompanied our year 7 and 8 teams to the recent winter sports tournament.
- .. Lisa Palmer for tidying up the Matarau School sign.

### People of the Week

- .. Brad .. details next week.
- .. Mr Delemare and Mrs Donaldson .. details next week.
- .. Tayla .. see the end of the newsletter
- .. Michelle who competed in the Cycle For Life event in Auckland last weekend. Michelle finished 8<sup>th</sup> overall and was the first junior female (against much older competitors).
- .. Ellie received "Player of the Day" for the Matarau Intermediate Netball team.
- .. Caleb received "Player of the Day" for Ruatangata Kwik Sticks.

### Term Calendar

- 29 May Year 4 to 6 Winter Sports Tournament
  - 3 June Queen's Birthday
  - 4 June School Cross Country (tentative date)
  - 13 June Zone Cross Country at Te Horo School
  - 21 June Interschool Cross Country (Barge Park)
  - 28 June Learner Portfolios sent home
  - 8 July School Science Fair (Prize Giving 6:30 PM 9.7)
  - 8 / 9 July Parent / teacher interviews
  - 12 July Final day of term 2
- We will advise other dates as these come to hand.

### 20 Hour Famine (8 / 9 June)

Participating year 6 to 8 children have received sponsor booklets this week. Please encourage them (especially on weekends) to visit potential sponsors. It is up to children to decide what they will sacrifice during the 20 hours - doesn't have to be food. Please note that sponsor booklets need to be returned to school at the end of the famine whether sponsor money was collected or not. Any questions to Kevin please.

**Choir Trip** .. first rehearsal at Hurupaki School Tuesday 28 May.

### Year 4-6 Winter Sports Tournament

.. takes place Wednesday 29 May. Children will travel to Kensington Park by bus returning by 3:00 PM. If able to help with teams please give Mr Schuster a call on Monday. Please also ensure all consents have been returned. Children will need to bring their lunch, drink bottle, warm clothing, a raincoat, Matarau T-shirt and spending money at your discretion.

### Police vetting of camp parents

Currently the school does not police vet parents attending school camps. This is becoming a practice in some schools and our board is considering implementing a similar regime at our school. This would require a change of policy and thus parents are invited to comment on whether or not they see such a measure as necessary or prudent. In summary, all parents attending an overnight camp would be required to consent to a confidential police vet and would only be approved as a "camp parent" after clearance by the NZ Police. **If you would like to comment on this matter please do so in writing by 28 June.** Please address your submission to The Chairperson, Board of Trustees. All feedback will be carefully considered by the board before any decision is made. Any questions to Kevin please.

### Kiwi Icon Dress Up Day – 30 May

On 30 May the school will hold a Kiwi icon Dress-up Day starting with a costume parade from 9:00 to 9:30 AM. Children are invited to dress as a Kiwi Icon which may or may not be from some NZ literature. The aim is to celebrate NZ and learn more about our literature, our characters and our geography. Parents are most welcome to attend our parade.

### Bible in Schools

As advised earlier we are happy for students to opt either in or out based on their experiences in the first couple of weeks. Teachers are currently planning to ensure that non-attending students have meaningful (and monitored) work to do during this time.

### After School Labs

A reminder to advise the office on the day concerned if your child will not be at their afternoon lab.

### PMP Helpers

If you are able to help out regularly on a Tuesday/Wednesday 1.30pm-3.00pm or as an on-call backup contact Rachael Robertson. Your help is most appreciated.

### Tricky Term Tasks

House points available for completing the problem solving tasks displayed outside Room 10! Have a go and email Mr Schuster the answers at [matarau.gate@gmail.com](mailto:matarau.gate@gmail.com)

### Term Headlice Inspection

.. moderate levels of infestation have been detected. If you received a letter today advising of infestation (or suspected infestation) please treat your child before their return to school on Monday. All parents are asked to check their children's hair weekly please and to take prompt action in the event of infestation. Collective action usually enables us to stay on top of this problem.

### Hand foot and mouth

Parents are advised that there is some concern about hand foot and mouth in a number of Whangarei pre-schools at present. Please keep an eye out for the following symptoms .. flu like symptoms, sore throat, mild fever, headache and blisters (one or two days later). Incubation period is 6 days and is contagious for approximately one week. If you suspect infection please see your child's doctor and **advise the school so we can monitor**. Infected children will need to remain home while blisters are present.

### Found

If you lost a sum of money outside Rooms 6,7 & 8; on Monday 6.5.13 please contact the office.

### School Polo Shirts For Sale

\$20 for Sizes 4-10

\$23 for Sizes 12 up

### **Final Word**

This week Tayla was intercepted while doing a task for one teacher with a request to do another task. She did this second task without complaining and when thanked cheerfully responded with a "you're welcome". Got me to thinking about just how awesome it is that so many of our students, without complaining, go the extra mile to serve those around them .. without a word of complaint or excuse. Tayla thank you for being the most recent example of just how awesome our students are.

Regards  
Kevin Trehwella  
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Our Sponsors support your  
children, please support them

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### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Wanted to Buy** – Wind Trainer for Road Bike, Phone Helen 4335512 or 4335823.

**Kamo Swm Club** – AGM Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 7pm @ Kamo High School Art Block, gate nearest pool.

**Situation Vacant** – Calf Rearer Required, late July to end Sept. Contact Shelley 4355433 or 0211088338.

**For Sale** – Lab puppies, 7 weeks old, ready now. All worming up to date. \$250 ono with shots done. Phone 4335569 or 0272232069.

**Help your Child to Learn** – A course for parents, Tuesdays 21 and 28 May, 7 - 9pm. FREE. Hosted by SLD Whangarei and Community Education Whangarei (CEW). Held at Kamo High School. The course will look at some of the reasons why children have difficulties with their schoolwork, and consider practical ways parents can offer home support. Bring your friends. Any questions please contact the SLD Whangarei office on 430 0693 or email the office at [sldwhang@xtra.co.nz](mailto:sldwhang@xtra.co.nz)

**Whangarei Choral Society** – Presents Back To Bach, Sat 18 May, 2.00pm, St Johns Church, Admission by programme, Adults \$15, Seniors \$10, Children under 15yrs free.

**Mid Winter Pamper Evening** – 29<sup>th</sup> June @ 6pm. [www.momentsintimeevents.co.nz](http://www.momentsintimeevents.co.nz) Take a look on my news page for details. Tickets can be booked by email, [mandy@momentsintimeevents.co.nz](mailto:mandy@momentsintimeevents.co.nz). I look forward to seeing you there. We all deserve to be pampered!!

## **FUNDRAISING**

### **Raffle Tickets**

If you have not already done so, please return money and tickets asap.

**Trivia Night** – Reserve **21 September 2013** for a great night out

### **Catering Function**

A note will be sent home requesting items for donation for our next catering fundraiser. Watch this space!

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

HAVE A DAY OFF MAKING LUNCHES AND SUPPORT THE SCHOOL!

- ☺ Below is an order form for **Friday** lunches.
- ☺ These can be ordered for the term in advance, or weekly if desired.
- ☺ Please have weekly orders placed at the school office by the Wednesday to receive an order the following Friday.
- ☺ Please make cheques payable to Matarau School.

Thanks for supporting our fundraiser.

## WEEKLY ORDER FORM – Term 2 2013

Child \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Sausage Roll/Muesli Bar/Drink \$4.00 \_\_\_\_ Mince Pie or Mince N Cheese/Drink \$4.00  
\_\_\_\_ Big Daddy Sausage Roll/Drink \$4.00 \_\_\_\_ Mince N Cheese or Butter Chicken Wrap/Drink \$4.00  
\_\_\_\_ Milk Drink - extra 50c

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TERM ORDER - Total Amount Owing For Term 2 - 9 Wks Maximum Available

Items @ \$4.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ weeks =

Items @ \$4.50 x \_\_\_\_\_ weeks =

In the case of a child's absence from school and instructions to the contrary, we are unable to refund or provide a lunch on a subsequent week.